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REGULATIONS CONCERNING RUMANIAN DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

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[The following regulations, issued pursuant to Decree No 13 published in Buletinul Oficial No 5 of 3 February 1953 by the Grand National Assembly of the Rumanian People's Republic, give detailed instructions for the awarding, wearing, withdrawal, etc., of decorations, honors, and titles.]

## I. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Article 1

All distinctions, titles, and decorations, including orders and medals, of the Rumanian People's Republic are awarded by the Presidium of the Grand National Assembly to individuals who fulfill the conditions laid down in the laws creating such awards. The orders and medals can also be awarded to collectives of workers, enterprises, institutions, and military units, as well as to political, mass, and professional organizations.

Article 2

The Presidium can authorize Rumanian citizens to wear decorations awarded by other states.

## II. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF DECORATIONS

Article 3

The order of precedence of decorations is as follows:

1. The Hammer and Sickle (Secura si Ciocanul) Gold Medal, awarded to those granted the title of Hero of Socialist Labor (Erou al Muncii Socialiste).
2. The order, Star of the Rumanian People's Republic (Steaua Republicii Populare Romane).
3. The order, Defense of the Fatherland (Apararea Patriei).
4. The Order of Labor (Ordinul Muncii).
5. The medal, Liberation from the Fascist Yoke (Eliberarea de sub Jugul Fascist).
6. The medal, The Fifth Anniversary of the Rumanian People's Republic (A 5-a Aniversare a Republicii Populare Romane).
7. The Medal of Labor (Medalia Muncii).

Article 4

The first class of each decoration ranks above the second class, etc. However, the first class of a lower-category decoration ranks above the second or third or other class of a decoration of higher category, etc.

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Article 5

Decorations for mothers have the following order of precedence:

1. The Hammer and Sickle Gold Medal awarded to those granted the title of Hero of Socialist Labor.
2. The order, Heroic Mother (Mama Eroina).
3. The order, Maternal Glory (Gloria Materna).
4. The order, Star of the Rumanian People's Republic.
5. The order, Defense of the Fatherland.
6. The Order of Labor.
7. The medal, Liberation from the Fascist Yoke.
8. The medal, The Fifth Anniversary of the Rumanian People's Republic.
9. The Medal of Labor.
10. The Maternity Medal (Medalia Maternitatii).

## III. PRESENTATION OF DECORATIONS

Article 6

The President or the Secretary of the Presidium of the Grand National Assembly of the RPR (Republica Populara Romana, Rumanian People's Republic) presents orders, diplomas, and brevets.

In special cases, the Presidium of the Grand National Assembly can delegate the right of presentation to another member of the Presidium or to the chairman or a member of the executive committee of a people's council.

Article 7

Medals awarded to workers and the pertinent certificates are presented, according to circumstances, by the bureau of award recommendations of ministries and of other central organs of state administration, or by executive committees of people's councils.

Article 8

Decorations awarded to members of the armed forces can be presented by the Minister of the Armed Forces, the Minister of State Security, the Minister of Internal Affairs, or the commanding officer whom they delegate.

## IV. REGULATIONS FOR WEARING INSIGNIA

Article 9

The insignia may be worn only by those to whom the insignia have been awarded.

Insignia awarded to workers collectives, enterprises, military units, and institutions, as well as to political, mass, or professional organizations, are displayed in specially equipped showcases at their headquarters.

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Article 10

The medals awarded to workers are worn at celebrations only; at other times, only the ribbons may be worn.

The Hammer and Sickle Gold Medal is always worn.

Medals conferred upon workers collectives, enterprises, military institutions and units, as well as upon professional, political, and mass organizations, are fastened to their flags during celebrations.

Article 11

The following insignia are worn on the right side of the chest, horizontally; their order of precedence is from the middle of the chest toward the right shoulder:

1. The order Star of the RPR, First Class.
2. The order, Defense of the Fatherland, First Class.
3. The Order of Labor, First Class.
4. The order, Star of the RPR, Second Class.
5. The order, Defense of the Fatherland, Second Class.
6. The Order of Labor, Second Class.

The following insignia are worn on the left side of the chest, horizontally; their order of precedence is from the middle of the chest toward the left shoulder:

1. The order, Star of the RPR, Third Class.
2. The order, Defense of the Fatherland, Third Class.
3. The order, Star of the RPR, Fourth Class.
4. The order, Star of the RPR, Fifth Class.
5. The medal, Liberation from the Fascist Yoke.
6. The medal, The Fifth Anniversary of RPR.
7. The Medal of Labor.

The Hammer and Sickle Gold Medal is worn on the left side of the chest above all other medals and ribbons. The Heroic Mother and Maternal Glory decorations are worn above other decorations on the left side, but below the Hammer and Sickle Gold Medal. The Maternity Medal is worn next to or below the other decorations.

Article 12

If there is insufficient space for the decorations in one row, a second row may be formed below the first, in the order of precedence shown in Article 11.

Article 13

Ribbons are placed on the left side of the chest, from right to left, in the order of precedence indicated in articles 3-5.

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## V. AUTHORIZATION TO WEAR INSIGNIA

Article 14

The right to wear decorations is authorized by diplomas, brevets, or booklets (Carnete-legitimatii) with photographs.

Article 15

Those awarded titles of the RPR receive a diploma conferring the title and a certificate of authorization.

Article 16

Those awarded orders receive brevets and certificates of authorization; those awarded medals receive certificates of authorization.

Article 17

The diplomas and brevets carry the signatures of the President and of the Secretary of the Presidium of the Grand National Assembly, and the impressed seal of the Presidium of the Grand National Assembly.

Article 18

Persons who have received a number of decorations surrender the certificates in exchange for an authorization booklet, in which all decorations are listed.

The certificates and booklets carry the signature of the Secretariat <sup>[sic]</sup>; possibly should read Secretary/ of the Presidium of the Grand National Assembly and the impression seal of the Presidium of the Grand National Assembly.

## VI. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Article 19

Heroes of Socialist Labor and those decorated with the orders of the RPR are entitled to a reduction in the tax on income derived from their employment, in accordance with the legal regulations in force.

Article 20

Heroes of Socialist Labor of the RPR, those decorated with orders of the RPR scientists, people's artists, masters of arts, and professors and teachers of the RPR, who have received the title "meritorious" (emerit), are entitled to living space in excess of the norm, in accordance with the legal regulations in force.

Article 21

Meritorious teachers and professors or those decorated with the Order of Labor have the following additional rights:

1. A priority right over other teachers and professors to be sent to health and rest resorts by the General Confederation of Labor.
2. A 50 percent reduction in the period of service needed for promotions.

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3. Exemption from school taxes for their children in intermediate and higher schools.

#### Article 22

Teachers and professors decorated with the Medal of Labor have, in accordance with the legal regulations in force, the following rights:

1. Priority rights over other teachers and professors to be sent to health or rest resorts at the expense of the General Confederation of Labor.
2. Exemption from school taxes for their children in intermediate or higher schools.

### VII. DUTIES OF THOSE DECORATED

#### Article 23

Persons to whom the Presidium of the Grand National Assembly has awarded decorations have the following duties:

1. To be models in the fulfillment of the obligations prescribed by law for the citizens of the RPR.
2. To be models of honor and moral conduct in public and private life.
3. To be in the front rank of those who struggle for the increase of production, the rise in labor productivity, and the strengthening of labor discipline in enterprises and institutions.
4. To acquire technical skill in their field of work and to raise their political and professional level constantly.
5. To defend public property.
6. To fight for the interests of the working class and the entire working population against the forces of reaction, for the strengthening of the RPR and for the defense of national independence and state sovereignty against imperialists.

### VII. WITHDRAWAL OF DISTINCTIONS

#### Article 24

The distinctions awarded by the Presidium of the Grand National Assembly can be withdrawn by decree in case of the nonfulfillment of the duties prescribed under Article 23 or in case of withdrawal of RPR citizenship.

#### Article 25

The Presidium of the Grand National Assembly can withdraw authorizations already given and can forbid the wearing of foreign decorations.

#### Article 26

In the case of withdrawal, the recipients will return the insignia and documents to the Awards Registration Section.

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## MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

Article 27

In case of loss, theft, or destruction of insignia or documents, the recipient will immediately notify the Awards Registration Section and the militia unit of the precinct in which he resides.

Article 28

The Awards Registration Section may replace insignia and documents lost, stolen, or destroyed, upon approval of the Secretariat of the Grand National Assembly, and only on well substantiated grounds (such as loss due to a serious accident at work, theft from the home, or fire) which have been investigated by the militia units.

Article 29

Within 2 months of the recipient's death, the insignia are to be returned by the members of his family either directly or through the sections or bureaus of vital statistics and civil status documents (birouri de stare civila) to the Awards Registration Section.

The insignia of the orders, Heroic Mother and Maternal Glory, are kept by the family of the deceased mother.

Article 30

Documents such as diplomas, brevets, etc. remain in the family after the recipient's death.

Article 31

The heads of sections or bureaus of vital statistics and civil status documents are required to do the following:

1. To inform the Awards Registration Section of the death of a recipient.
2. To forward the insignia delivered by the family to the Awards Registration Section.

Article 32

In case of posthumous decorations, the pertinent documents are delivered to the recipient's family.

Article 33

Those guilty of appropriating or altering insignia in any manner, or of illegally wearing decorations of the RPR will be punished as provided by the penal laws.

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